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1. PARA. 2 REFTEL PROVIDED TEXT OF RESOLUTION APPROVED BY OAS MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS SEPTEMBER 23. ON COMPARING WITH FINAL TEXT OF VERSION RELEASED BY OAS, WE NOTE SEVERAL TEXTUAL CHANGES AND FACT THAT ONE PARAGRAPH IN "WHEREAS" SECTION WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED.

2. FOLLOWING IS OFFICIAL TEXT, WHICH SHOULD BE USED IN LIEU OF TEXT AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL:

"WHEREAS: AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1978, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL DECIDED TO FORM AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF OBSERVERS TO VERIFY THE EVENTS BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA;
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AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1978, THE PERMANENT COUNCIL RESOLVED TO CONVOKE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FIRST PART OF ARTICLE 59 OF THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION, A MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER THE SERIOUS EVENTS IN THE CENTRAL AMERICAN REGIONS;

THOSE EVENTS INCLUDED REGRETTABLE INCIDENTS IN THAT REGION, AMONG THEM INCURSIONS BY ARMED FORCES OF ONE COUNTRY INTO THE TERRITORY OF ANOTHER, WHICH CREATE A SERIOUS RISK OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT;

THE HUMAN SUFFERING IN NICARAGUA AS WELL AS IN THE BORDER AREAS OF NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES APPEARS TO BE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE THAT URGENT HUMANITARIAN RELIEF EFFORTS ARE NECESSARY TO MITIGATE IT;

THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS ACCEPTED THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA TO VISIT THAT COUNTRY ON OCTOBER 5; AND

PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES, NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL OR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF STATES, AND RESPECT FOR THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL ARE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THIS ORGANIZATION,

THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

RESOLVES:

1. TO URGE THE GOVERNMENTS DIRECTLY CONCERNED TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION THAT MIGHT AGGRAVATE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESENT SITUATION.

2. TO REQUEST THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION TO CONSULT WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION AFFECTED, WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS, WITH UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES AND WITH OTHER INTER-GOVERNMENTAL HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE KNOWN TO BE WORKING IN THE AREA, TO DETERMINE WHAT HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED TO RELIEVE THE SUFFERING IN THAT REGION, AND TO URGE THE MEMBER STATES TO GIVE URGENT AND GENEROUS SUPPORT TO EFFORTS THAT WILL PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. TO REQUEST THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO SUBMIT TO THIS MEETING FOR EXAMINATION THE REPORT THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION CP/RES. 249 (341/78) MUST MAKE TO THAT BODY, AND TO KEEP THAT COMMITTEE IN EXISTENCE AS LONG AS THIS MEETING OF CONSULTATION REMAINS IN SESSION, SO THAT IT MAY FULFILL ANY OTHER MISSION THE LATTER MAY ENTRUST TO IT.

4. TO TAKE NOTE THAT, HAVING ACCEPTED THE INVITATION

OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA, THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL VISIT THAT COUNTRY, AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE COMMISSION MAY, IN AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED, EXPEDITE ITS VISIT TO NICARAGUA IF POSSIBLE.

5. TO TAKE NOTE THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO FULL OBSERVANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION, THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA HAS STATED THAT IT IS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO ACCEPT THE FRIENDLY COOPERATION AND CONCILIATORY EFFORTS THAT SEVERAL MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION MAY OFFER TOWARD ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS NECESSARY FOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE SITUATION WITHOUT DELAY.
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6. TO KEEP THE SEVENTEENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN SESSION AS LONG AS THE PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUES.

7. TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION TO KEEP THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMED OF THE DECISIONS THAT THE MEETING OF CONSULTATION TAKES." CHRISTOPHER

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